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DOE-Idaho, INL employees and contractors support Hurricane Katrina relief effort

The U.S. Department of Energy-Idaho, Idaho National Laboratory employees, contractors and corporate offices all are coming to the aid of the victims of Hurricane Katrina. From the time the extensive damage and human suffering was broadcast by media, employees began asking how they could contribute to coordinated workplace donation campaigns. DOE-ID and the site contractors all have put together support programs.

Department of Energy – Idaho Operations Office

All federal employees may contribute financially to the hurricane relief agencies of their choice through the Combined Federal Campaign, which begins this month. Federal employees may donate personal leave time to fellow employees who are impacted by the hurricane and can't work. Also, federal employees can offer to volunteer to work in the relief effort, on loan to federal disaster agencies.

Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA) and Battelle Memorial Institute

BEA began an INL campaign to allow employees to make cash donations to the relief effort. The campaign runs Sept. 7 – 13. BEA will match INL employee contributions up to \$20,000. Contributions are being collected in containers placed at the entrances to Idaho Falls and desert site facilities, through the passing of fire hats on INL buses and through direct donations to the American Red Cross made through a central collection point.

A number of BEA employees have offered volunteer assistance at the recovery scene, and some employees may have skills that a government agency needs. BEA management has set up processes for employees wishing to volunteer.

Battelle Memorial Institute is providing a \$500,000 direct corporate donation to the American Red Cross. At non-DOE Battelle companies, employees who want to contribute individually may donate through their United Way contribution, designating all or part of their contribution specifically to the hurricane relief effort. Battelle corporate will match these specific donations up to \$1 million.

CH2M-WG Idaho (CWI), Washington Group International and CH2M Hill Corp.

CWI has set up collection containers at locations around the Idaho Site for employee donations, and construction hard hats have been passed around on site buses. Through employee efforts at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, school supplies are being taken to New Orleans by Doug Andrus Trucking, Idaho Falls, with donated trucks and volunteer drivers. Employees at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex are holding a bake sale with all proceeds going to the relief effort.

Washington Group International and its foundation have donated a combined \$500,000 to the relief effort. Employee donations made through the foundation's hurricane relief fund will be matched dollar for dollar.

Washington Group will also aid in infrastructure reconstruction in the hurricane-damaged region, including providing environmental remediation, engineering, procurement and construction services.

CH2M Hill Corp. expects to provide more than \$500,000, and the corporate office is coordinating with the Idaho Falls office and other corporate partners to provide resources for rebuilding efforts. CH2M Hill is supporting work to repair the levee breaches by providing some 100 "supersacks," which each hold 10 tons of sand. Envirocon, a subcontractor on the Idaho Cleanup Project, is organizing equipment and operators to send to New Orleans for construction support.

Bechtel

Bechtel management is matching contributions to the American Red Cross by all Bechtel employees up to \$500,000. Several employees of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project and their families are coordinating fund-raising events. Among these, one AMWTP family is selling "Happy to Help" hand-crafted magnets and pins for donations for \$5-10 at the Sam's Club parking lot, Saturday, 4-8 p.m. If all the items are sold, they will raise about \$3,000, which Bechtel will match.

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